



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Board Meeting

The Board will hold its Third regular meeting of fiscal year 2019 on April 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 304 of the Alabama State House. Matters or subjects not on the agenda are not guaranteed for discussion at the meeting.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

Pursuant to §34-13-121(j), Code of Alabama, 1975, “(j) Each funeral establishment and crematory which offers or performs cremations shall complete a state identification form. The form shall accompany the human remains in all phases of transportation, cremation, and return of cremated remains. All human remains to be cremated shall have the state identification form and a undetachable ankle bracelet identifying the remains.”

*****When human remains and/or cremains are in the custody of the funeral home or crematory the State ID Form **MUST** be present with human remains that are waiting to be cremated and with cremains at all times.**

Cremains in the custody of the funeral home must be labeled with the First and Last Name of the deceased, date of death, and the funeral home name. The State ID Form must always be present with the cremains while in the funeral home custody. When the cremains are released to the family, a copy of the State ID Form must be given to the family.

Examination

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service has certified the following individuals with The Conference as having met the qualification to take the Alabama Funeral Director and/or Embalmer Exam:

Silas Isaiah Baldwin	John Mack Corbett	Joseph Lee Bonner-Bey	Charles Homer Scott
Kathy Diane Moore	Katlin Nicole King		

Steps to taking the Alabama State Art or Science,:

1. ***Submit application to the Board office for permanent license.***
2. ***Eligibility will be verified and sent to The Conference by the Board staff.***

3. **Applicants must then go to The Conference website at www.theconferenceonline.org to submit their exam application and payment.**
4. **Please keep in mind, processing takes anywhere from 2-3 business days. The Conference must have your eligibility, application, and payment to schedule. You will be notified through email once you have been processed and you are able to schedule.**

The Conference

As stated in previous notices, the Alabama State Funeral Director and Embalmer's exams will be given by The Conference through Pearson VUE testing centers at five locations statewide. The exam fees and applications are to be submitted by the applicant to The Conference. The state license fees, applications, and affidavits shall be submitted to the Board office.

The Conference: www.theconferenceonline.org

Phone: 479-442-7076

Pearson VUE:	Birmingham	Decatur	Dothan	Mobile	Montgomery
	205-982-2063	256-552-0667	334-671-7007	251-343-2601	334-409-9355

State Law Exam Procedures

The 2019 dates for the LRR Exam and the deadline for registration are as follows:

Alabama State Laws, Rules, and Regulations (LRR) Exam Schedule	
Deadline to Qualify	Exam Date
April 2, 2019	April 9, 2019
May 7, 2019	May 14, 2019
June 6, 2019	June 13, 2019
July 2, 2019	July 9, 2019
July 29, 2019	August 5, 2019
September 3, 2019	September 10, 2019
October 1, 2019	October 8, 2019
October 29, 2019	November 5, 2019
December 3, 2019	December 10, 2019

* **Funeral Directors/Embalmers Exam Time: 9:00 a.m.**

* **Cremationist Exam Time: 10:30 a.m.**

* **The candidate must arrive at the exam location no later than 30 minutes prior to the exam.**



At the last meeting, the Board approved the following for licensure:

Funeral Director

Patricia L. Dickerson

Houston D. Dorsett

Renea Henderson

Funeral Director, Embalmer & Cremationist

Ashely Skaggs

Funeral Director & Embalmer

Jessika D. Fields

Joseph E. Fener

Bernard C. Buggs

George H. Mathis

Darla D. Wegner

Glenna A. Dawson

Brandon S. Jester

Cremationist

Christopher A. Smith

Russell E. Hamilton

Bobby Berryhill

Tyler H. Berryhill

Joel K. Hastings

Timothy G. Cole

Tim E. Street

Eric D. Davis

Valeri C. Miller

Brain D. Byers

Betty S. Miller

Ronnie L. Lambert

Zachary W. Bovaird

Christie J. Bullard

Ethelyn Lusain

Alex D. Shockley

Charles Molette

Randall Miller

Rashad Pressley

Steven Farrar

Cody Burns

A. Jason Bushelon

Jessica L. Bowen

Brandon O. Martin

Wilbur Thompson

Cracher Small

April D. Chamblee

William E. Searcy

Gary M. Lunsford

Robert Ward

Joseph Dean III

Felicia V. Cooper

Juanita Martin

Juanita B. McKinnon

Douglas W. Click

Antoinette L. Moore

Jelesa S. Martin

Adam C. Wester

Patrick J. Pace

David B. Young, Sr.

Michael H. Perry

James A. Hoyt, Sr.

Laura Whisenant

Perry C. Whisenant

Kris Rosser

William G. Dalton

Establishments

Pearly Gates Funeral Home	New	Dothan
New Generation Memorial	New	Phenix City
Adams-Buggs Funeral Service	New	Pell City
Meadowlawn Mortuary	New	Toney

Reactivations**Funeral Director**

2

Embalmer

2

Apprentice Embalmer

0

**Laws, Rules, and Regulations Exam
(December 1, 2018 – March 12, 2019)**

FD/EM = Given: 25 Passed: 22 Failed: 3
 Cremationist = Given: 10 Passed: 10 Failed: 0

Background Checks

Performed: 43

Application Received (December 2018 – March 2019)

Apprentice Director: 18	Cremationist: 18	SP Director: 1	SP Embalmer: 0
Apprentice Embalmer: 11	Funeral Director: 21	Embalmer: 13	Establishment: 1
Mortuary Service: 0	Provider: 2		

Licenses & Certifications Issued (December 2018 – March 2019)

Apprentice Director: 24	Cremationist: 21	Mortuary Service: 1	Establishment: 2
Apprentice Embalmer: 17	Funeral Director: 13	Embalmer: 11	CE Provider: 1
INSPECTIONS:	Completed: 4	Un-Complete: 462	

<i>Active Licenses as of March 12, 2019</i>						
<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Mortuary Service</i>	<i>Funeral Directors</i>	<i>Embalmers</i>	<i>Practical Embalmers</i>	<i>Apprentice Funeral Directors</i>	<i>Apprentice Embalmers</i>
467	2	1489	819	52	203	134

<i>Crematory</i>	<i>Cremationist</i>	<i>CE Providers</i>				
55	178	38				

License status can be verified at www.fsb.alabama.gov under the “Licensees” tab.

Consent Agreements October 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019

Case No.	Charge	Penalty
ABFS18-0024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Failed to provide a written response to a complaint within 20 days of receipt of complaint, in violation of ALA. Code § 34-13-56(c)(2)(y) and Administrative Code 395-X-4-.03. Failed to timely cooperate with a representative of the board in the investigation of any alleged misconduct, in violation of ALA. Code § 34-13-56(c)(2)(z). 	<p>Fined \$2,500.00</p>
ABFS18-0025	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Aided and abetted an unlicensed person in performing the activities and duties of a funeral director without being licensed by the Board, in violation of ALA. Code §§ 34-13-56(c)(2)(i) and/or (cc). Allowed an unlicensed person to engage in the practice of a funeral director without being licensed by the Board, in violation of ALA. Code §§ 34-13-70(a) and/or 34-13-56.1(a)(1). Failed to ensure the preservation of the deceased in accordance with rules of disposition, in violation of ALA. Code § 34-13-117. 	<p>Fined \$7,500.00</p> <p>Establishment, managing funeral director and managing embalmer license on 2-year probation.</p>
ABFS18-0036	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Failed to have a General Price List which conformed to rules established by the Federal Trade Commission, in violation of ALA. Code §§ 34-13-9 and/or 34-13-56(c)(2)(dd). Failed to have the required number of caskets on the premises, in violation of ALA. Code § 	<p>Fined \$7,500.00</p> <p>Establishment and managing funeral director license on 2-year probation.</p>

	34-13-1(a)(25)(b) and/or Alabama Funeral Service Administrative Code 395-X-6-.02. 3. 3. Failed to have the proper casket price cards displayed on each casket, in violation of ALA. Code § 34-13-9 and/or Alabama Funeral Service Administrative Code 395-X-6-.02.	
ABFS18-0051	1. Aided and Abetted an unlicensed individual in performing the activities and duties of a funeral director without being licensed by the Board, in violation of Alabama Code § 34-13-56(c)(2)(i). 2. Allowed an unlicensed person to engage in the business of a funeral director, in violation of Alabama Code §§ 34-13-70(a) and 34-13-56.1(a)(2).	Fined \$2,000.00 Establishment and managing funeral director license on 1-year probation.
ABFS19-005	Engaged in or held herself out as qualified to engage in the practice of funeral directing without a valid license, certification, or registration issued by the Board, in violation of Alabama Code §§ 34-13-56.1(a)(2), 34-13-70(a).	Fined \$1,000.00

Administrative Hearing February 7, 2019

Case No.	Charge	Penalty
ABFS19-0009 DEMETRIUS CLARK, DANA W. GEORGE AND PEACEFUL REST MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, LLC,	<i>Alabama Code § 34-13-56(c)(2)(ee) and, specifically, Administrative Code § 395-X-6-.04 and .05, respectively.</i>	(1)The establishment license for Peaceful Rest and George’s funeral director license are suspended until they expire or until such time that Peaceful Rest can be re-inspected and approved to reopen by the Board’s Executive Secretary; and (2) at such time Peaceful Rest is permitted to re-open, its establishment license and George’s funeral director license shall be PLACED ON PROBATION for a period of two years from the date of approval to re-open.

Inspection Citation October 1, 2018 to March 12, 2019

Annual Inspection	Method of IDENTIFICATION as required by Â§395-X-6-.07?	\$100
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Annual Inspection	Are there 8 full size different adult caskets on the premises? NO	\$300
Annual Inspection	Is the Funeral Coach or Hearse properly licensed? NO	\$300
Annual Inspection	Are there 8 full size different adult caskets on the premises? NO	\$1,200

CONTINUING EDUCATION 2018-2020 APPROVED PROVIDERS

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